

Remarks

Claims 1, 5-11 and 13-29 are pending in the current application. By this Amendment, the claims are amended to include recitation of methacrylamide gelling polymers. A Notice of Allowance is thus, respectfully requested.

Comments on Interview Summary

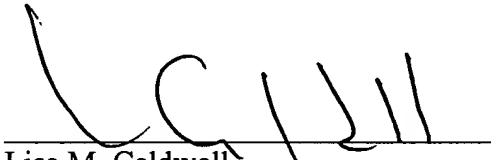
As shown above, the claims have been amended as indicated by the Examiner during the July 13, 2004, telephone interview between the Examiner and Lisa M. Caldwell. Claim 5 was already explicitly limited to methacrylamide polymers so claim 5 is not currently amended. The remaining independent claims are amended, claims 2 and 12 are cancelled and dependent claim 11 is amended.

If any further amendments are necessary to put the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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